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MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Board Meeting Location:
Fresno City Council Chambers
2600 Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93721
and
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Ste. 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Frazier opened the meeting and noted he would adjourn the meeting in memory of the life of Ms. Sheri Bohigian for her wonderful support and commitment to the Parkway. He called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and Mr. Brandau led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Nathan Magsig and Mr. Santos Garcia took the Oath of Office under direction of the Deputy Attorney General Ms. Morkner-Brown.

A. ROLL CALL

Name	Present	Telecon- ference	Absent	Late
Mr. Brett Frazier	X			
Mr. Santos Garcia	X			
Mr. Nathan Magsig	X			
Mr. Steve Brandau	X			
Ms. Kacey Auston	X			
Mr. Carl Janzen	X			
Ms. Julie Alvis	X			
Ms. Julie Vance	X			
Mr. Kent Gresham	X			
Mr. John Donnelly	X			
Ms. Jennifer Lucchesi	X			
Ms. Karen Finn	X			
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X			
Mr. Paul Gibson	X			

Ms. Bains confirmed a quorum was present.

Legal Counsel Present: Christina Morkner-Brown, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present: John Shelton, Executive Officer
Melinda Marks, Special Consultant
Rebecca Raus, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Jasanjit Bains, Staff Services Analyst
Heidi West, Program Manager, San Joaquin River Conservancy
Projects, Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Items identified after preparation of the agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration. (Gov. Code § 54954.2(b)(2))

There were no additions to the Agenda.

C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter. (FPPC §97105)

There were no conflicts of interest.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are not on the agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

There were no comments from the public or business from the floor.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E-1 Approve Minutes of November 7, 2018

E-2 Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2019

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board approve the schedule for the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board meetings reserved for the 2019 calendar year.

Mr. Gresham mentioned the scheduled November 27, 2019 meeting is the day before the Thanksgiving holiday. Board members discussed rescheduling for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 due to a potential lack of a quorum.

E-3 Reminder to File Statements of Economic Interest and Complete Biennial Ethics Training, Due Monday, April 1, 2019

Staff Recommendation:

This report is provided for informational purposes. No Board action is recommended

E-4 Report on Renewal of Agreement with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District for Administrative Support and Office Space

Staff Recommendation:

This staff report is provided for informational purposes. The Executive Officer has been delegated the authority to execute agreements necessary to the routine operations of the Conservancy, such as this agreement with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District which will commence in April 2019 and extend through July 31, 2020, and will provide reimbursement to the District for utilities and janitorial costs associated with the Conservancy's occupancy of three office spaces, hourly administrative and technical support services, and other direct costs.

Ms. Forhan moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar with the modification to item E-2: cancel the November meeting and reschedule for Wednesday, December 4, 2019; Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

F-1 Achievement of River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension and North Palm Access (Alternative 5B) One-Year Benchmarks, and Direction to Staff to Continue Tasks to Implement the Approved Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board direct staff to continue tasks and activities to implement the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project, Alternative 5B, the North Palm Access as approved by the Board on December 13, 2017 (Resolution 17-02). The recommended action is based on reasonable progress having been made toward implementing the North Palm Access by accomplishing the benchmarks specified by the Board in the resolution.

Mr. Shelton reported that in December 2017, the Board approved the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project and North Palm Access (the Project) in Resolution 17-02. The Board directed Conservancy staff for work with certain parties to resolve outstanding Alternative 5B issues and make reasonable progress. Reasonable progress was defined as specific benchmarks to be accomplished in a one-year period. Mr. Shelton reported the following:

Benchmark 1—The Spano property shall be acquired by the San Joaquin River Access Corporation (SJRAC). The SJRAC closed escrow on December 24, 2018, and also acquired two other properties owned by Mr. Spano for potential parkway purposes.

Benchmark 2—A Post Closure Land Use Plan (PCLUP) for the project must be approved by the agencies with regulatory jurisdiction. The SJRAC prepared a PCLUP and submitted it to the County Health Department and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. The County and Regional Water Board approved the PCLUP, subject to eventual review and approval of the construction plans to ensure the design and specifications are consistent with the plan.

Benchmark 3—Exceptions/variances to the Bluff Protection Overlay District and tree removal ordinance must be secured from the City of Fresno. The developmental code includes ordinances protecting the integrity of the river bluff and requiring permits from developers to remove mature trees. The City submitted an application to the Planning Commission for the variance and permits required to complete the North Palm Access. The Planning Commission approved the variance and permits on December 5, 2018. The Board and the public received a copy of correspondence

from the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust (Parkway Trust) sent to the Mayor of Fresno to appeal the Planning Commission's decision. Per City requirements, in order for the appeal to be heard the Mayor needed to support the appeal by forwarding the letter to the City Council; since was not done, there is no formal appeal.

Benchmark 4—Issues associated with the Spano easement attached to the SJRAC's option agreement must be resolved to the Board's satisfaction. Over several months the SJRAC worked in cooperation with Conservancy and WCB staff to identify acceptable amendments to the Spano easement. At the September 2018 meeting, the Board enumerated four specific remaining outstanding concerns. Those concerns have been resolved as was reported at the November Board meeting. The SJRAC negotiated and executed the easement and easement amendment with Mr. Spano, as a part of their acquisition negotiations.

Ms. Vance stated at the September 2018 meeting, when the Board highlighted the issues with the Spano easement as drafted, there was a request made for the easement to come before the Board again before it was recorded.

Ms. Marks stated the Board's motion at the September meeting required staff and the SJRAC to address the remaining concerns in the easement. Those amendments were made. The Board may determine if the final easement is satisfactory at today's meeting.

Ms. Vance stated that in September she suggested the Board review the easement again before it was recorded. Once the easement is recorded, if it still has issues, it cannot be modified.

Mr. Shelton continued his report: Benchmark 5—An access easement for public use shall be secured in favor of a willing public agency and recorded for the Spano property; alternatively, the Conservancy shall investigate acquiring fee title ownership of the Spano Property. At the September Board meeting, the Board accepted staff's recommendation to discontinue efforts for the State to consider acquiring the parcel. The SJRAC has acknowledged that the State does not intend to acquire the property, and the organization has stated that it intends to retain ownership as necessary to facilitate the North Palm Access. The WCB and Conservancy staff, and Attorney General's Office have developed and negotiated a permanent Public Access Easement with the SJRAC, which has been provided for today's meeting. In order to execute and record the easement the WCB must complete the State real property approval process. The Public Access Easement, which shall be recorded and be an obligation of any future landowner, includes the following: grants to the State an easement over the property for public recreational purposes and to install and maintain public access improvements; acknowledges the PCLUP obligations and responsibilities of the SJRAC (or any successor landowner); establishes that the uses, activities and structures shall be consistent with the approved Project and the Parkway Master Plan; recognizes that the State may act through agents, contractors, grantees, etc.; establishes the specific purposes of the easement; grants rights to the State to develop and use a nonexclusive, continuous, public right-of-way access to the Property to construct, repair, restore, and maintain the Project improvements; the SJRAC/landowner may not interfere with the Project or prevent the public use permitted under the easement; the SJRAC shall remain solely legally and fiscally responsible for the obligations in the PCLUP; and warrants that other than as specified, no one has the right to use the Property for purposes that are inconsistent with the purposes of the easement.

Ms. Vance noted the Spano easement included a restriction regarding operation of a gate at the top of the bluff. She asked whether the restriction would conflict with the Public Access Easement.

Mr. Shelton replied that the restriction in the Spano easement would not interfere with public access; public access in the Parkway is controlled access.

Ms. Morkner-Brown noted that the easement between the SJRAC and the State acknowledges the Spano easement, therefore, the site would need to be managed in a manner consistent with the Spano easement.

Ms. Vance stated they seem to conflict, and should be looked into in more detail.

Mr. Shelton continued his report. During and after development of the Project, the State agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the SJRAC/landowner and agrees to repair or pay for any damage caused by reason of the public uses authorized by the easement; and the SJRC/landowner shall remain solely liable, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State parties, for any claim, judgement, damage, penalty, fine, cost, liability or loss occurring prior to the date of development of the property by State parties. The easement ensures the State will not take responsibility for activities on the property until we begin work at the site.

Mr. Shelton concluded by summarizing the staff recommendation: to continue the tasks and activities to implement the approved Project and the North Palm Access (Alternative 5B). For both the core elements of the Project (trails and Perrin Avenue parking lot) and for the Alternative 5B elements (N. Palm access road and parking lot) staff would work toward securing a partner for a grant or contract for engineering and construction plans, and work with potential partners to secure funds for operations and maintenance.

Ms. Vance inquired if the City of Fresno would be a partner for operations and maintenance as was discussed at the December 2017 meeting.

Mr. Shelton stated there have been discussions in the work group meetings, but the Conservancy has not received anything in writing.

Mr. Donnelly inquired if the SJRAC has approved the Public Access Easement with the State.

Mr. John Kinsey, legal counsel for the SJRAC, confirmed the easement has been approved by the SJRAC Board. That was communicated to all stakeholder agencies on January 4, 2019. He thanked everyone for the hard work over the holidays to finalize the easement.

Chairperson Frazier asked about the next steps required to execute the easement.

Mr. Donnelly stated the SJRAC must sign the easement and the WCB would then schedule the easement for consideration at a WCB Board meeting. Once approved by the WCB, the document would be submitted to the Department of General Services (DGS) for final State approval.

Ms. Lucchesi asked about the status of an easement from the City of Fresno to facilitate the ingress and egress to the SJRAC property from Palm Ave.

Mr. Donnelly noted that two easements for the access road would be necessary, one from the City of Fresno and one from the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD). Neither of the easements have been negotiated, developed or approved.

On inquiry from Ms. Vance regarding the likelihood of the Public Access Easement being approved, Mr. Donnelly stated he cannot speak for DGS. We do not know if DGS will accept the easement until we go through the process.

On inquiry by Ms. Forhan regarding the WCB process and timeline, Mr. Donnelly stated the earliest the easement would go to WCB would be March 7, 2019, and on approval it would be submitted to DGS. He believed it would be necessary to secure the other two easements necessary to get down to the site; those are important steps that need to occur before submitting the Public Access Easement for approval.

Mr. Shelton noted the City of Fresno and the FMFCD have been willing to work on the easements with the Conservancy. These easements should not be a burden carried by the SJRAC and were not included in the benchmarks.

Ms. Marks added that roadway easements would normally be secured later once the Conservancy has construction-level designs.

On inquiry from Chairperson Frazier regarding the timelines for design, Ms. Marks responded the Conservancy would need to prepare a scope of work and budget for a grant. The grant must be approved by the Board in order to allocate funds.

On inquiry by Chairperson Frazier regarding approval of the Public Access Easement, Mr. Donnelly stated that although he is reasonably confident the two easements would be secured, he felt that DGS will not approve the Public Access Easement unless they know road access to the Property is secured.

Mr. Shelton added that staff would focus on design and the other easements going forward.

Mr. Donnelly noted the State cannot deviate from the design that is laid out by the Spano easement.

Ms. Marks added that the easements contain the conceptual design. There are a lot of specific design decisions yet to be made. The Spano easement reflects the Board's approved project and the detail contained in the approved EIR.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated the map that is attached to the Spano easement is the conceptual site plan and was approved in the EIR. If we deviate substantially, we would have to go back and revisit the EIR. However, as long as what is ultimately designed is within the scope of what was approved in the EIR, we are in compliance.

On inquiry by Ms. Vance regarding the Spano easement allowing changes, Ms. Morkner-Brown stated it's a matter of approaching the SJRAC to see if the easement could be renegotiated or modified, if the ultimate design it is not within the scope of what has already been accepted.

Chairperson Frazier noted that if the easement was renegotiated, it must still be within the scope of the EIR.

Mr. Shelton stated that the EIR and approved project provide flexibility for further design and engineering.

Mr. Janzen stated some of his concerns are about the extraordinary costs of developing the parking lot and access road for Alternative 5B. There are no commitments for sharing those costs, and there are no operations and maintenance commitments. He suggested the Conservancy start planting the replacement Sycamore trees now, rather than waiting until construction. The Board should have additional discussion on who or what agency provides engineering services.

Ms. Vance expressed her agreement with Mr. Janzen. The PCLUP indicates that there will be settling and subsidence throughout the parking lot, and the maintenance should include regular regrading and repaving. That is a significant cost issue, and there is no commitment to participate from the City of Fresno.

Chairperson Frazier opened the floor to public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Tom Beggs, member of the SJRAC, reported on his role in securing Kleinfelder, the geotechnical engineers for the PCLUP. The analyses included testing the soils to see if they were appropriate for the roadway and parking lot. There were numerous comments from State agencies, the County of Fresno, and the City Department of Public Works. He thanked staff for coordinating the work group meetings. He was happy that the SJRAC continues to move forward to facilitate the project. He thanked the various agencies and individuals who participated in the work group meetings.

In response to inquiries from Mr. Magsig, Mr. Beggs reported that soil tests and compaction tests were completed and that the tests concluded that the access roads will meet construction standards.

Mr. Magsig asked Mr. Beggs if any roads built in the immediate area have been impacted by settling.

Mr Beggs reported that after 25 years, those roads are all doing well.

Mr. Gibson thanked Mr. Beggs for the geotechnical work performed by the SJRAC's consultant and the additional information the report provided.

Ms. Vance stated the PCLUP highlights other issues, such as properly maintaining drainage so that it does not affect the adjacent contaminated site.

Mr. Beggs reported there is no contamination in the slope where the access road would be built; in the parking lot area there is asphalt and concrete that may require compaction.

Ms. Vance stated that if the slopes are changed, it could result in leachate from the adjacent property.

Mr. Beggs stated the site will be constructed to standards required in the PCLUP, including preventing leachate.

Chairperson Frazier expressed that there are ways to mitigate these issues.

Ms. Vance stated her concern is that if mitigation requires routinely regrading and repaving, the Conservancy would have to fund those measures.

Mr. Beggs mentioned his business resurfaces existing asphalt every 5-years; if it is well maintained there can be a longer term.

Chairperson Frazier added that any parking lot will need some level of repaving.

Ms. Vance stated that the settling may require removing, regrading, and repaving the entire parking lot. The issue is the underlying waste materials—there is no certainty how those materials will compact.

Mr. Beggs suggested that if this becomes a problem, the material would be removed and replaced with clean fill and recompact. However, this is not contemplated at this time.

Mr. Magsig stated he had been part of various construction projects as a licensed general contractor for 15 years. Compaction tests and proper design would ensure the soils are able to withstand the parking lot and its use.

Chairperson Frazier stated that if future compaction tests show the materials will not support the structure, then the decision would be brought forward whether or not we would remove the underlying materials.

Mr. Beggs added that the geotechnical report concludes the material can support the proposed structures.

Ms. Vance emphasized her concern that the Kleinfelder report concludes there would likely be settling in the parking lot.

Chairperson Frazier added that the report indicates this would be a problem if there is not proper drainage.

Mr. Magsig added that the report states that since the proposed project is anticipated to be developed over areas that containing buried debris, there should be compaction tests done to determine what soil in the area can support. The soil tests must be done to make sure that we do not construct anything that does not meet standards.

Mr. Beggs suggested Kleinfelder could provide additional information on what needs to be done.

Mr. Shelton stated that drainage will need to be addressed in design. The PCLUP reports there are not buried organics that would decompose over time and cause settling. The Conservancy understands that this alternative is relatively expensive compared to others; however, compaction tests would need to be done for any project improvements.

Chairperson Frazier suggested that public comments would resume, allowing three minutes per speaker unless the Board had questions.

Mr. Kinsey thanked the Conservancy staff, members of the Board and all agencies involved. The work group meetings were helpful. The benchmarks have been met and the SJRAC acquired the property and two other properties that are within the master plan area that can be used for future expansion of the Parkway. In addition, the SJRAC has received approval of the PCLUP from the

Regional Water Quality Control Board and County Health Department. The SJRAC resolved the Board's initial concerns with the Spano easement and the several new issues raised by the Board in September, and made changes suggested by Conservancy and WCB staff. The SJRAC addressed issues, such as the gate language that was specifically requested by the City of Fresno. The City also met its benchmark of providing the exceptions and variances to the bluff overlay district regulations as well as the tree removal ordinance. In addition, the SJRAC has accepted the easement for public access to the property, which was negotiated under a relatively tight timeframe. The document that the SJRAC agreed to was approved by the WCB and Conservancy staff and legal counsel and the SJRAC Board as well; the SJRAC is ready to present the signed document to the WCB.

Ms. Kristine Walter, representing the SJRAC, thanked the Board, team members and various agencies involved in the process. The SJRAC was able to demonstrate its commitment to the project and that it is working in good faith to make it happen.

Mr. Tom Bohigian, Fresno resident, noted that at the Board meeting of December 2017, the Board decided to proceed with Alternative 5B after extensive debate. A City representative spoke in a negative manner about project alternatives. The assumption has been that the City would be responsible for operations and maintenance of the approved project. There is no commitment from the City. The restroom at Jensen River Ranch maintained by the City and has been locked. Trees will be destroyed to build 5B. The approved project is more expensive, has many unknowns, and destroys resources the Conservancy is supposed to protect. We need to move on, build trails, establish restrooms, and get support. He thanked Chairperson Frazier for recognizing his wife and mentioned his contribution of \$20,000 to an endowment fund the Parkway Trust has established.

Ms. Sharon Weaver, of the Parkway Trust, thanked the Board for considering the issues. She stated that Alternative 5B is an illusion that diverts attention from other issues and that Alternative 5B was a new possible entrance road developed as a way to avoid using the existing access road at Riverview Drive. A year ago when the SJRAC came forward, she believed the SJRAC would be operating and maintaining the property, but after reading the Board packet, it appears the State will be operating and maintaining the site. There are no operations and maintenance resources for this Project. She recommended that the Board should move on from this illusion and move forward with Alternative 1.

There being no further speakers, Chairman Frazier closed the Public Comment session.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Magsig thanked Ms. Weaver and Ms. Walter for information that was sent to his office. He had discussed the project's costs and the significance of the Sycamore trees with Mr. Bohigian. He asked staff if the Project's EIR, which analyzed Alternative 5B, also analyzed Riverview Drive and traffic.

Ms. Marks stated the EIR covered the traffic impacts for all of the alternatives. There was an updated traffic analysis after Alternative 5B was added; the City of Fresno contributed to the traffic analysis.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated she would need to review the analysis of particular road segments to respond to any specific concern; however, the EIR vetted the alternatives at an equal level, and there was a traffic analysis for each alternative.

Mr. Magsig noted a year ago the Board approved Alternative 5B and he assumed that the benchmarks were put into place because it was a split vote.

Ms. Vance stated she made the motion to include the benchmarks to move forward toward public access. The issue with 5B at the time was feasibility, because there were so many questions and issues. The public access easement has not been recorded. In her opinion, reasonable progress was defined as all of the benchmarks being completed. The benchmarks were not completed and the Board should move forward with Alternative 1 as agreed to in the approved resolution.

Mr. Magsig stated he asked these questions for background information. He understands that staff feels the benchmarks have been met.

Mr. Shelton reiterated that staff does feel the benchmarks have been reasonably met, while there is still work to be completed to implement the Project.

Mr. Magsig stated that while we cannot know the actual costs until there is a fully developed design, the estimates show a difference of \$1 million between Alternatives 1 and 5B, based on hypotheticals.

Mr. Shelton reported that the City engineers, represented in the audience, put together the more recent cost estimates. There may be a significant difference in costs once we get into final design. For Alternative 5B we are at 30 percent design.

Chairperson Frazier added that there is a 10 percent design for Alternative 1.

Mr. Andrew Benelli, City of Fresno Public Works Department, stated the estimates for 5B are \$3.2 million, which is an updated estimate based on the approved PCLUP. The Conservancy should anticipate compaction issues on the entire river bottom and not just 5B because of the high ground water which can cause soft soil. Compaction and some soil treatment may be issues for all alternatives.

Mr. Magsig asked if Alternative 1 would require permanent structures to be built in a flood plain. Mr. Benelli responded that they would need to elevate both sites with material that would be excavated from the project site. Both parking lot sites would be within the flood plain and require mitigation.

In response to Mr. Garcia's question about cost estimates for Alternative 1, Mr. Benelli stated the estimate was \$2.46 million for Alternative 1, at 10% conceptual design. The 5B estimate is \$3.2 million at 30% level of design. To address issues regarding soils, there were 8 test locations drilled. It was determined all of the bluff area for Alternative 5B is clean and there is no debris of any kind. The borings found inert material within the 5B parking lot site. There were no organics. The materials tested would support compaction. Fairly high groundwater was found; typically, lime treatment is done to build a strong base.

Chairperson Frazier mentioned with Alternative 1 there was the need for a traffic signal at Audubon Drive.

Mr. Benelli stated the City funded the additional traffic work in the EIR, including new traffic counts at Palm, Audubon, Del Mar and Riverview. The analysis determined the additional traffic generated by Alternative 1 would warrant a signal at the Del Mar and Audubon intersection. This

was included as a mitigation measure in the EIR. The cost estimate includes the estimated cost of the signal of \$401,000.

On inquiry by Chairperson Frazier, Mr. Benelli stated City staff did some operations and maintenance estimates for the parking lot and trail. The annual cost for maintaining the parking lot, restroom, water, trash, opening and closing the gate is around \$30,000 annually.

On inquiry from Mr. Magsig about development impact fees for the project, Mr. Benelli stated if the City was a co-sponsor it could waive impact fees the project.

On inquiry by Mr. Magsig regarding the drainage and storm water, Mr. Benelli stated there are municipal storm water detention basins within the project area. For Alternative 5B drainage from the road would be conveyed into an existing basin. Drainage in the parking area would not require a lift station, it would drain on site.

Ms. Marks reported that State property within the Parkway is not part of the master-planned municipal storm water drainage system. For this project, areas above the bluff and part of the access roads would drain into the storm water drainage system, but runoff in the flood plain would drain to onsite swales.

Mr. Forhan asked Mr. Benelli if there was a definitive answer regarding the City's involvement in operations and maintenance for the Project. Mr. Benelli replied that would be a City Council decision; at this point there is no funding available.

Mr. Donnelly asked for clarification regarding the conditional approval of the PCLUP. Mr. Shelton replied the plan was approved conditionally subject to final design of the project.

Mr. Gibson stated that \$30,000 for operations and maintenance does not sound like big number, and asked Mr. Brandau to comment.

Mr. Brandau agreed the amount does not sound like a large number, but he does not want to overstep his colleagues or the Mayor as funding is not his decision alone to make. He stated the Mayor personally wants to be a part of moving forward with the Project and work on developing operations and maintenance. The criticisms regarding the City's involvement have been noted and will be looked into.

Ms. Vance expressed her frustration that in December 2017 the City stated it would not partner or assist with the project if the Board approved Alternative 1. The Board approved Alternative 5B and there is no commitment from the City to support the project.

Mr. Janzen stated the cost will likely be higher than \$30,000.

Mr. Garcia stated he visited the project site. He thinks the City's construction cost estimate is incomplete. There will likely be more than a \$1 million difference in costs compared to Alternative 1. He cannot accept City staff's comments regarding support for the project when he has not heard the support from the Mayor himself.

On inquiry from Mr. Brandau regarding what the \$30,000 estimate would cover, Mr. Benelli clarified the estimate was approximately \$34,000 to \$35,000 per year. The costs include opening and closing the gate and emptying the trash for one parking lot. The estimate does not include

restroom maintenance or operating the trail, just litter abatement and opening and closing the gate.

Mr. Gibson suggested the access roadway could be incorporated into the City's regular lifecycle for road maintenance. Mr. Benelli responded the City could do that if there was funding available. The City shares road maintenance with other agencies where funds are available.

Mr. Gibson stated he was appointed to the Board by Governor Brown as a private citizen to represent river-bottom landowners. He expressed his appreciation for the level of scrutiny of the various documents the Board members provide. A group of private citizens—the SJRAC—taking title to property to implement a Parkway project was a big step. Alternative 5B is an 11-acre expansion of the River West project area. The Board is charged to acquire land throughout the river-bottom for the Parkway. The property acquired by the SJRAC accomplished a difficult task, as it was a dump site, but it created an opportunity to take care of the most problematic project site that is adjacent to the largest population—Fresno.

Chairperson Frazier stated that his vote in support of Alternative 5B was not predicated on City testimony and he was not bullied onto making his decision. The public may support development of Alternative 1 at a later point. He visited the alternative access points with his wife, and determined the best option for access is 5B. There is already a commercial corridor and public transportation to the area. He stated there will be issues with Alternative 1 as well because where the parking area would sit is within the flood plain, and there will be similar issues with operations and maintenance. The quickest and fastest way to provide public access to the river at the highest level is Alternative 5B.

Mr. Brandau agreed with comments by the Board chairman. The Board could go back into rehashing the debate, but there was a decision made, and for those who doubted Alternative 5B, the Board built in benchmarks. Staff is stating the benchmarks have been met and are recommending the Board continue moving forward with the trail and Alternative 5B. There are millions of dollars that need to be found to operate and maintain of the Parkway. There have been efforts, such as Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula's attempt. The City is very supportive, and he will continue to support finding funds for operations and maintenance for the entire length of the Parkway trail. He believes the Mayor would be committed to this as well. The Board needs to acknowledge that the benchmarks the Board had agreed on have been met, and move forward with the decision made last year and continue with Alternative 5B.

Ms. Vance stated she does not think the benchmarks have been met. Reasonable progress is defined as the benchmarks being completed. The PCLUP must be approved—that was not completed. The issues associated with the Spano easement were not resolved. The Public Access Easement was not completed.

Mr. Donnelly stated he concurs Ms. Vance. While he appreciates the progress made to date, that was not the intent of the Board when it took action. The most important benchmark was the Public Access Easement with the State, and it has not been completed. The PCLUP concerns him, as it is a conditional approval. Once final design is completed there may need to be changes in the easement documents. The other concern is the cost of the project; there is a \$1 million difference in the estimates, and the costs could go up dramatically once more engineering is complete. Lastly, he appreciates Board member Brandau's and the City's comments regarding management, but he heard clearly that the Mayor and City were committed last year, and no commitment has been made yet. He expressed appreciation for the staffs' work and the SJRAC's engagement and involvement.

Mr. Shelton reminded the Board that at the September 5, 2017, meeting the Board directed staff to discontinue investigations to purchase the parcel. At that point the Conservancy and WCB started working on the Public Access Easement. It was known the State approval process would take more time. For their part, the SJRAC did their work and should not be held responsible.

Ms. Auston stated she came onto the Board in January 2018 and was provided an update on the project. She watched the recordings of Board meetings. She felt at the time that the Board was setting up staff for failure for meeting the benchmarks in the one-year timeframe. She commended staff for meeting the benchmarks to the extent they have at this point. There is still work to be done; however, going backwards and looking at the other alternative would increase expenses. The Board made a decision to lead the Project, and needs to continue moving forward with 5B. The \$35,000 operations estimate can be worked out with the City.

In response to an inquiry from Ms. Finn, Mr. Shelton responded that the Conservancy would need to secure a partner in order to proceed with design and construction.

Ms. Finn further inquired must happen in order to start the process.

Chairperson Frazier mentioned the Public Access Easement must be approved by the WCB and then DGS.

Mr. Donnelly added the two additional easements from FMFCD and the City of Fresno are instrumental in implementing the parking lot project and would need to be done at the same time.

Mr. Shelton agreed that staff could work on the easements concurrently with a securing an agreement with the City of Fresno or a potential partner for performing design.

In response to a question from Ms. Finn regarding capital funding, Ms. Marks stated adequate capital appropriations are in WCB's budget and could be allocated to the Project.

Mr. Shelton suggested the Project could be split in two, to work on design of the core project at Perrin Ave. If funds were granted, for example to the City, it would secure bids for the work.

Ms. Finn asked if there are other permits, approvals from the Water Board, etc., that are needed. Mr. Shelton responded there are permits with the Department of Fish and Wildlife; that permitting is usually after final design. The big issue is to secure partners for operations and maintenance before we begin construction.

Ms. Vance inquired if it is a requirement that the Conservancy cannot build a capital project until there are operations and maintenance funds.

Ms. Marks replied that for construction there must be operations and maintenance funding.

Mr. Shelton pointed out that there have been conversations with the Parkway Trust toward for long term operations funding for the core project. They are building an endowment fund. However, the Parkway Trust has relayed they are not interested in funding the operations and maintenance for Alternative 5B.

Chairperson Frazier inquired if the funding commitment would need to happen regardless of the alternative. Mr. Shelton confirmed that, and added there are additional steps to be taken if the

Board pursues approval of Alternative 1, such as developing the required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings.

Chairperson Frazier asked to hear from Ms. Weaver about whether the Parkway Trust would consider operating and maintaining Alternative 1 or 5B.

Ms. Weaver stated her agency is interested in taking on operations and maintenance of the trails for the River West Project. The Parkway Trust board would need to take formal action. The Parkway Trust has been actively fundraising.

In response to a question from Chairperson Frazier, Ms. Weaver responded that the issue with 5B is that the bluff would be entirely reengineered. The Parkway Trust is not qualified to take on that responsibility.

On further inquiry from Chairperson Frazier regarding the Parkway Trust's capacity to operate and maintain facilities, Ms. Weaver stated the Parkway Trust operates various Parkway sites, such as the Coke Hallowell Center and Sycamore Island. The Parkway Trust does not believe 5B is a good alternative, they oppose 5B, and do not want to put any resources into operating and maintaining it, since it destroys resources the Board is intended to protect.

Mr. Shelton added there have been discussions with possible partners to assist with maintenance, such as RiverTree Volunteers. There may be other possibilities, but there is quite a bit of work to be done.

Ms. Marks noted the Conservancy has projects that have been approved, and but have not proceeded because operations and maintenance resources are needed. There are lots of tasks required to implement any project, but staff needs to know it is proceeding on the approved path. The Board approved a project, provided direction, and set forth a path to be reevaluated after a year. Staff's understanding of the motion a year ago was to demonstrate the approved Project is viable. A planning document was approved, and there remains a lot of work in order to implement the Project.

Ms. Alvis expressed her appreciation for staff's work and efforts. She was a new member of the Board at the time it approved the EIR. It was difficult to track what the public wanted for access to the river. As the public discussion proceeded, she was left feeling like 5B was more about not wanting to do Alternative 1, instead of it being about feeling good about 5B. She has administered many resources-related projects. Since she has not seen public enthusiasm for 5B, she does not feel confident with that option.

Ms. Forhan stated the ultimate goal is to provide public access to the river. The Conservancy has traveled down the approved path for 1 year. The benchmarks that were laid out are perhaps 80 to 85 percent completed. There have been Herculean efforts by the SJRAC and she is amazed at what has been accomplished in a year. She expressed her appreciation for Ms. Finn for mentioning the tasks that still need to be completed. The Conservancy is near the finish line--are we as a Board going to throw away a years' time? That would not result in any quicker public access. There has been great discussion and debate over this issue and the decision is not taken lightly. We have traveled down a path and given it an opportunity, with a great deal of work accomplished, and with a little more effort will get us to the finish line.

Ms. Finn stated she felt the remaining tasks should be made clear. Staff does not seem to realize that there is anything left to do; staff does not appreciate the issues raised by Mr. Donnelly.

Ms. Lucchesi highlighted that when the Board approved 5B, the benchmarks were adopted not just about timeliness, but also about the quality of access. The deal that has been negotiated by the SRJAC creates real limitations on the ability of the Conservancy to adapt to public needs, recreational values, and public access opportunities along the trail and along the river. The easement that was granted back to Mr. Spano from the SJRAC restricts how to manage public access going into the future in the area.

Chairperson Frazier stated we have heard from members of the Board and asked if anyone is willing to make a motion, or if the members would prefer a recess.

Mr. Magsig stated he was ready to vote on the issue and noted the other Board members likely know where they stand.

Mr. Brandau made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to direct staff to continue tasks and activities to implement the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project, Alternative 5B, the North Palm Access as approved by the Board on December 13, 2017 (Resolution 17-02). The motion was seconded by Ms. Auston.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Chairperson Frazier	X		
Mr. Garcia		X	
Mr. Magsig	X		
Mr. Brandau	X		
Ms. Auston	X		
Mr. Janzen	X		
Ms. Alvis		X	
Ms. Vance		X	
Mr. Gresham		X	
Mr. Donnelly		X	
Ms. Lucchesi		X	
Ms. Finn		X	
Ms. Forhan	X		
Mr. Gibson	X		

The motion failed on a tied vote, a technical denial.

Ms. Vance stated the resolution made last year was that if the benchmarks were not met the Board would move toward approving Alternative 1.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated the Board could not simply by default approve Alternative 1. There would need to be direction to staff to bring the Alternative 1 proposal forward, the CEQA findings would need to be developed, and an addendum to the EIR would need to be prepared. If the Board proceeds down that route and votes to approve an alternative project, it would open a 30-day statute of limitations for possible lawsuits.

On inquiry by Mr. Magsig, Ms. Morkner-Brown replied that staff would prepare everything for the Board to vote on Alternative 1, if staff is directed to do so.

Ms. Lucchesi stated her recollection is that in December 2017, based on previous Board direction, staff presented resolutions and findings associated with both alternatives. She was confused about what further CEQA action would need to be taken.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated because a year has passed, we would need to make sure the CEQA analysis has not changed. She recommended an addendum. It is a matter of technical review to ensure it is a legally defensible document that can be acted upon.

Ms. Lucchesi stated it could be a part of direction to staff to bring back Alternative 1 for consideration with appropriate resolutions, findings, and statements of overriding considerations associated with both alternatives, and request legal counsel to ensure adequate CEQA analysis has been conducted.

Ms. Morkner-Brown added the process may require more than legal review; it may require an environmental consultant, to ensure there have been no new developments that were not in consideration at the time the EIR was certified.

Ms. Lucchesi stated if it is the will of the Board, the State Lands Commission has an environmental and planning team that regularly develops CEQA documents. It would be happy to perform the work, on behalf of the Conservancy, so that the Conservancy would not have to secure a contract for that.

The Board took a recess at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

On inquiry by Mr. Magsig regarding the next Board meeting date, Mr. Shelton mentioned it is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Mr. Magsig made a motion for the Board to give direction to staff to bring back all the alternatives, for the next meeting, properly noticed, and the Board to make a decision on which alternative to move forward with.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated her concern is that under CEQA, it is not as simple as bringing back the previous documents for each option. Previously, the CEQA document had just been certified; now some portions may need to be updated. There were six alternatives studied in the EIR.

Mr. Magsig stated he would like the Board to review all the alternatives, and then give direction to staff and move forward.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated the Conservancy would need to have an environmental contractor make sure everything is up to date pursuant to CEQA. At the same time, it would be evaluated whether any new information would trigger recirculation. Alternative 5B was approved and does not need to be reevaluated. For action to be taken on Alternative 1, an addendum or supplement would need to be prepared. A supplement can take 6 months or more and would require public comment again. An addendum would be a shorter process. It would be up to the State Lands Commission staff or an environmental consultant to evaluate and prepare the necessary documentation.

Mr. Magsig stated, if the Board is not willing to move forward with Alternative 5B, then we need to have all the options available, and open the issue to public comment again and allow them to weigh in.

Ms. Vance stated she respectfully disagrees. The motion that was made last year was that if benchmarks were not met, the Board would pursue Alternative 1. Looking at all the alternatives again would be a waste of time.

Chairperson Frazier noted the alternatives were narrowed by the Board to Alternatives 1 and 5B. He wants access as quick as possible, but today's direction has set us back. He is disheartened that the Board may be starting over and getting people to river will take much longer now. Alternative 5B is the better option in his opinion.

Mr. Garcia stated he respectfully disagrees, and would like to move forward with Alternative 1.

Ms. Lucchesi asked the maker of the motion if he was willing to amend the motion and limit the scope to Alternative 1.

Mr. Magsig stated the Board cannot make a decision on picking one alternative today, environmental work has to be done before the Board decides. He does not want the Board limited to one decision and wants to look at all alternatives. It does not mean the Board cannot narrow down the decision to one, but he would like to have all alternatives presented before the Board again.

Ms. Lucchesi asked Mr. Magsig if he would agree to limit the scope of what staff brings to the Board for consideration in terms of the development of the resolutions and the findings—that is where a lot of work, time and effort would come in. In 2017 when the Board was considering the certification of the EIR, staff prepared those documents for Alternative 5B and for Alternative 1. She asked Mr. Magsig if the scope could be limited to those documents.

Mr. Magsig stated the motion is made broad enough to notice the public under the Brown Act, to let them know that everything is on the table again. New Boards are not held to the actions old Boards have made. If Alternative 5B is not workable, the Board needs to deliver the best possible option to the public.

On inquiry by Ms. Vance, Ms. Morkner-Brown stated it would be appropriate to give direction to staff, but not to take action on anything that has not been noticed; therefore, there must be no action on choosing Alternative 1. One initial step that would be necessary is to provide the Board information about the detailed steps of what would be required to bring back Alternative 1 and how long it would take. The basic preparations are resolutions, findings, statements of overriding considerations, and how to handle the CEQA document and to make sure it is still adequate. She recommended the Board to consider asking staff to bring to the Board those steps and timelines.

Mr. Magsig stated he is challenged as a new member to only bring forward Alternative 1 and 5B. He stated he does not know if a majority of the Board would choose Alternative 1 and it would be a violation of the Brown Act to ask the Board how they would vote. He stated he is trying to create a motion for the Board to look at all alternatives and properly notice the public.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated it can be a presentation at the next board meeting, to discuss all the alternatives again and it can be a noticed item that the Board is reopening consideration of everything.

Mr. Magsig stated he is willing to restate his motion.

Ms. Lucchesi wanted to confirm the Board has the ability to move forward with the Perrin Ave. element while the Board further deliberates and considers another alternative or access point.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated approval of Alternative 5B included the entire project, including the Perrin access and the entire trail. The resolution stated to proceed with building the core project; that current direction can proceed until the Board decides not to continue. The original vote was to proceed with 5B, which included the core elements and gave direction to staff to continue to work on the Perrin Ave. access. That is the current mandate.

Ms. Vance stated the motion in December 29017 was if reasonable progress is not made towards 5B within one year, the Board, by majority vote, may direct staff to evaluate and prepare Alternative 1 as analyzed in the Final EIR for Board approval and to rescind approval of 5B.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated that particular vote would need to be noticed on an agenda as an item to vote on.

On inquiry from Chairperson Frazier regarding future technical denials or another split vote, Ms. Morkner-Brown stated that procedurally there could be a future noticed item where staff presents all of the alternatives again. The Board could determine which alternative is chosen and direct staff to prepare findings that would be brought back at subsequent meeting. The status quo is still 5B. Until there is a vote to rescind 5B, which would also be rescinding the core elements, pursuing Alternative 1 or a different alternative is not actionable. There would need to be a resolution to rescind 5B and to pursue another alternative which would be a part of the same vote.

Mr. Magsig stated he would like to modify his motion to have a presentation at the next meeting that looks at everything, and the Board would give direction to staff on how to proceed with alternatives, including Alternative 5B.

Chairperson Frazier added that this motion would ensure the new Board members know about the options and there would be transparency for the public.

On Inquiry my Mr. Donnelly, Chairperson Frazier stated part of presentation would state the time frames and list the amount of work that would have to be completed with each alternative.

Ms. Vance mentioned the final EIR has been adopted and certified. The Board is not redoing the CEQA analysis except as related to the statute of limitations associated with filing the findings and the Notice of Determination.

On inquiry by Mr. Donnelly and Ms. Vance regarding the process in relation to the CEQA document, Ms. Morkner-Brown stated that the CEQA document is final and was certified November 2017. If the Board decides to take another action using that CEQA document, since it has been over a year, staff will need to prepare whatever is required. Sometimes a Supplement EIR is required. Public Resources Code 21166 requires an evaluation of three types of circumstances to determine that no additional environmental review is required. If there are significant circumstances that require additional review, this would be documented in the form of an Addendum or Supplement. Ms. Morkner-Brown recommended that an environmental consultant with the desired expertise be consulted for this determination. The public comment

period requirement depends on the type of document. The next Board meeting would be an overview of all alternatives and a vote on an alternative would be at a future meeting.

Mr. Shelton added that a Finding of Overriding Concerns for Alternative 1 would be a part of the findings.

Ms. Morkner-Brown added that some alternatives had unavoidable impacts and some did not. Alternative 1 had impacts that could not be mitigated.

Mr. Magsig moved to have staff prepare at the next meeting a power point presentation on all the options the board has looked at in the past and board will give direction to staff on which alternative the Board wants to proceed with, including 5B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brandau.

Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Chairperson Frazier	X		
Mr. Garcia	X		
Mr. Magsig	X		
Mr. Brandau	X		
Ms. Auston	X		
Mr. Janzen		X	
Ms. Alvis		X	
Ms. Vance		X	
Mr. Gresham		X	
Mr. Donnelly		X	
Ms. Lucchesi		X	
Ms. Finn		X	
Ms. Forhan	X		
Mr. Gibson		X	

The motion did not pass.

Ms. Vance moved to continue the resolution from last December 2017, which is because Alternative 5B was not approved by the Board, that we ask staff to bring documentation forward to consider Alternative 1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Donnelly.

Ms. Lucchesi made a friendly clarification to the motion stating it was not that 5B was not approved but the benchmarks laid out by the Board in the resolution were not met, and therefore the Board moves to the next element of that resolution, that the Board by majority adopted, which was to bring back Alternative 1 for consideration, including the CEQA documentation, findings, statement of overriding considerations, so that the Board can consider that based on a properly noticed agenda item. Ms. Vance indicated that Ms. Lucchesi was correct.

Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Chairperson Frazier		X	
Mr. Garcia	X		
Mr. Magsig		X	
Mr. Brandau		X	
Ms. Auston		X	
Mr. Janzen		X	
Ms. Alvis	X		
Ms. Vance	X		
Mr. Gresham	X		
Mr. Donnelly	X		
Mr. Lucchesi	X		
Ms. Finn	X		
Ms. Forhan	X		
Mr. Gibson	X		

The motion passed.

On inquiry by Chairperson Frazier regarding documents for the alternatives prepared by the February meeting, Ms. Morkner-Brown stated it may not be February.

Mr. Shelton added that the Conservancy could provide the Board with an update at the February meeting or bring the information to the next meeting.

Chairperson Frazier expressed he would like to see similar timeframes and similar benchmarks. He stated he wants to get access as quickly as possible and now we went from February to April and that was what he was afraid of.

Ms. Vance stated Alternative 1 does not have property transactions, easements or landfill issues like 5B. She stated she shares the concern related to timeframes and the Board can ask staff to outline steps needed towards construction.

Chairperson Frazier added those steps are the benchmarks. It has to be done right and we need to stick to a timeline. He expressed his nervousness about the future of the project.

Mr. Magsig inquired about the City's General plan and if the City recognizes Alternative 1 or 5B, from a land use stand point.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated the EIR speaks to that, but there are some nuances because the state is not subject to the local land use ordinances. There are complications because some of the things required are not on state lands such as the traffic signal and drainage facilities.

Ms. Vance stated it is not just the traffic signal because there is a road that goes to the property boundary which is already public.

Mr. Magsig mentioned that if the city chooses to challenge the decision, is it possible the city could cut off public access and determine that the public cannot use the road. He mentioned that he does not want to see the Board in a lawsuit.

Ms. Vance stated that people can always sue; whether or not there is merit is another question.

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated the concern expressed with Alternative 1 was consistency with the city general plan, and whether a traffic signal and access was a part of the general plan. This was discussed in the EIR, but there was no discussion of cutting off public access.

Ms. Vance stated the consistency with the general plan is one of the elements related to the Statement of Overriding Considerations.

Ms. Morkner-Brown mentioned consistency with general plans is more about disclosure, you would only make statements of overriding considerations on impact, not consistency with the general plan.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

G-1 Organizations

If time allows, the following oral reports will be provided for informational purposes only, and may be accompanied by written reports in the Board packet. No action of the Board is recommended.

G-1a San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust

Ms. Sarah Parkes with the SJRPCT reported that: 1) SJRPCT, in partnership with the San Joaquin Running Company, will host on Sunday, January 27th, a 5k and 10k race at Sycamore Island with an anticipating 400 participants; 2) February 1st will be the first day of public access to Sycamore Island and the Van Buren unit which is open on weekends and holidays; 3) in the next week a 2019 River Camp Brochure will be mailed; and 4) the Parkway will be hosting for the first time a Spring Break Camp in partnership with the Fresno County Office of Education the week of April 15-19.

G-1b RiverTree Volunteers

There were no items reported.

G-2 Deputy Attorney General Report

Ms. Morkner-Brown stated she was the back-up for Mike Crow and will be attending SJRC Board meeting going forward.

G-3 Executive Officer Report

Mr. Shelton stated that he has had the opportunity to meet with a few of the Board members and would like to meet with the remaining Board members. He mentioned he has started making inquiries with other partners on stakeholder processes and one is an educational subcommittee to help facilitate reports to the board regarding educational activities. Mr. Shelton also envisions initiating a Native American tribal coordination group to set objectives and develop a framework for determining success in attaining those objectives over time, including reporting to the Board.

G-4 Board Members' Reports and Comments

Mr. Garcia stated he is enthusiastic about being a partner and thanked Mr. Shelton for a tour of several locations within the Conservancy. He will look for ways to partner with the SJRC, including

an apprenticeship program that focuses on working the community. He was surprised by the Madera County side of the Parkway and wants to make sure he does his part to educate the Madera community regarding the Conservancy.

Mr. Magsig stated this is his first time sitting on a board with an even number of members. This could be resolved when the Madera vacancy is filled.

Mr. Donnelly introduced WCB staff to the new Board members: Daniel Vasquez, who does the real estate work; Heidi West who does restoration and access projects; Elizabeth Hubert, the Supervisor of restoration programs; and Rebecca Fris, his Assistant Executive Director.

Mr. Janzen, commended Chairperson Frazier for his work and stated procedurally the Board needs to re-elect Chairperson Frazier as Chairman of the SJRC Board. Mr. Shelton responded that Chairperson Frazier is currently on a 2-year term but the Board will need to elect a Vice Chairman in the near future.

Chairperson Frazier expressed his appreciation for the Board and their work and diligence in the endeavor. He mentioned the Board has the same goals, just differences in opinion on how to get there. He stated the Executive Officer of the SJRC mentioned that there is a nonprofit organization that owns river bottom land on the Madera side of the river. They discussed a potential nominee for the Board vacancy before the meeting that would be an independent person. Chairperson Frazier hopes to get them appointed by the Governor's office to help the Conservancy as it moves forward.

H. NOTICE OF ADVISORY AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS, OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS

None.

I. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

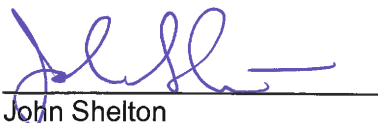
The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.

J. ADJOURN

Chairperson Frazier adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:17 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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